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Mr. BAVIUS

YOUR Paper has been very uſeful, in expoſing many follies and pernicious cuſtoms of mankind in general, as well as the foibles of ſome individuals: but there is one thing, of very great conſequence to the public, of which neither you, nor any of your brethren of the quill, have taken any cognizance, and that is the ſcandalous practice of *ballad ſinging*. This bane of all good manners and morals is a continual nurſery for idlers, whores, and pick-pockets; a ſchool for ſcandal, ſmut, and debauchery; where our youth of either ſex (of the lower claſs eſpecially) receive the firſt taint, which by degrees ſo contaminates the mind, that, with every ſlight temptation, they become abandoned, lewd, and ſtrangers to all ſhame. This abominable cuſtom, pregnant with ſo many miſchiefs, and without any one good conſequence attending it, ought to be intirely ſuppreſſed; or at leaſt reduced under proper reſtrictions. I am not ſo much of a lawyer, as to determine, whether ballads come under the ſtamp act, tho' it ſeems reaſonable to ſuppoſe it: but I am well aſſured, that whatever the law is, as to the ballads, it looks upon the ballad-ſingers as vagrants; and any magiſtrate may puniſh them as ſuch. And pray, what reaſon can there be, that your *Journal*, and all other news-papers, ſhould pay a duty to the government, and yet every filthy ballad, that tends to nothing but poiſoning the minds of our youth, ſhould pay no duty at all? This could not be the deſign of our legiſlators, when they paſſed the ſtamp act: no, if we muſt ſuffer the practice, let the ſame ſtamp and duty be upon every ballad, as is upon every news-paper; ſo that if fools will have a ſong, which at the beſt is very ſenſeleſs, and moſt wretchedly printed, let them pay the more for it, and ſo help to bear a ſhare in ſupporting that government, of which they are either worthleſs, or miſchievous members.

And this naturally brings to my mind a very ill conduct in many of our gentry of the middle ſort, who ſuffer their children, particularly their daughters, to frequent the kitchen, to become familiar with the ſervants, and ſo of courſe to learn their manners. For hereby their minds are neceſſarily debaſed, receive ſuch a wrong byaſs, and imbibe ſuch ſordid impreſſions, as ſcarce ever wear off; but too frequently obliterate the ſenſe they ought to retain of the honour of their name and family. It is certainly a very great fault in thoſe gentlemen that ſuffer this: and therefore I write to you, that they may have an opportunity of ſeeing their indiſcretion expoſed in a public manner, and be induced thereby to rectify it.

We will therefore ſuppoſe a daughter now freed from the nurſery and leading-ſtrings, but ſtill followed about by a maid, whoſe inclinations are to be in the kitchen, amongſt thoſe like herſelf; where Miſs is kiſſed, danced, and talked fooliſhly to by every ſervant, whoſe company the child is ſoon brought to reliſh and deſire. One part of their converſation very frequently turns upon frightful ſtories concerning witches, apparitions, and hob-goblings, that imprint very frightful ideas on her mind, and ſerve to keep her in awe, and in their intereſt.

As Miſs grows bigger, and has learned her *Pſalter* and ſampler, her delight in the kitchen-converſation increaſes with her years. For now ſhe is flattered; and none reads ſo well, or marks ſo prettily as Miſs. And now ſhe is taught to make one at Whiſt, and how to play at Putt and All-fours, and to ſhew tricks upon the cards; as alſo to play at Romps, as well with the men-ſervants, as the maids; which ſoon makes her forget her birth, and to think herſelf on a level with them: the careleſs parents, all this time, not conſidering the fatal conſequence of ſuch liberties. Well! Miſs is now out of her hanging-ſleeves, and now every one tells her how pretty ſhe is: yes indeed! every ſervant, eſpecially the foot-man, feeds her vanity with ſuch ſort of flattery; and thoſe are the greateſt favourites that do it moſt. Now ballads and love-ſongs are daily preſented to her, and vouched for truth: one tells, *How a foot-man died for love of a young lady, and how ſhe was haunted by his ghoſt, and died for grief.* Another, *How the coach-man or butler run away with his young miſtreſs, and how he took to hedging and ditching, and ſhe to knitting and ſpinning, and lived vaſt happy, and in great plenty.* And a third, *How the young 'ſquire, maſter's eldeſt ſon, fell in love with the chamber-maid, and privately married her at the Fleet; and how his cruel father turned them both out of doors, and how they went and took an inn, and got money as faſt as hops; till at laſt the old gentleman died ſuddenly without a will, and then his ſon got poſſeſſion of all, and kept a coach, and made his wife, from a chambermaid, a great lady, who bore him twins for twelve years together, who all lived to be juſtices of the peace*, &c.

By ſuch fooliſh ſtories Miſs is deluded; ſhe ſighs, ſhe pities, and at laſt loves: and in loving without diſcretion, is too often undone without remedy. The like misfortune frequently happens to young Maſter, occaſioned by the ſame mean and ſervile converſation. And thus a child is utterly ruined, and ſometimes a whole family, when either an only ſon or daughter is thus indiſcreetly led aſtray: which might be prevented, if gentlemen would but lay a greater reſtraint upon their children, and not ſuffer them to aſſociate with their ſervants, and take up with the kitchen, inſtead of the parlour; but inſtill into their tender minds more noble ſentiments, worthy of their birth and blood.

DEMOCRITUS.

Dear Mr. DEMOCRITUS,

I AM an old girl of 60, ſound wind and limb, and have had but one colts tooth theſe ten years, and am ready to make affidavit of my virginity, or take WARD's *drop* or *pill*, or any thing that may make my virginity appear unſpotted. I never was asked the queſtion, tho' I have been as handſome, and have had as much reaſon to hope to ride in my coach and ſix as any of my neighbours. It was with this view I got into a nobleman's family, and was what the vulgar call an ABIGAIL, alias *A flea-catcher*, &c. the better bred, *A waiting gentlewoman*; where I was for ten years admired by all the younger brothers of the family, who had nothing elſe to do; and do verily believe I ſhould have been a lady, if I had not been cut out of favour by a ſtrapping long-legged French woman, who pawned her maiden-head to rival me, and ſecure her conqueſt; who yet, I verily believe, deſigns to put into your *Lottery*: but if I am by at the drawing, I will tip the wink upon you to adminiſter the *drop* and *pill*. I had now no longer hopes of making my fortune by marrying a lord, ſo I fixed upon the chaplain as my undiſputed right, and tarried ten years more in expectation of being the rector's wife; for he drank tea with me every morning, and ſmoaked his pipe with me every afternoon, till my lord gave him a living: and then forſooth he married a fortune, becauſe he pretended he loved her (but I believe 'twas her money;) and my lord, you muſt know, was a very conſciencious man, and would not oblige him to marrie me, for fear it ſhould be thought *Simmony*. Pray, Mr. BAVIUS, what is the meaning of that hard word? for I do not well underſtand it; but believe it has ſome relation to his being an old man.

Well! I was determined that ſhould be no objection in my next love, for I fixed upon a young man of a certain Hall in Oxford, who was juſt got into orders: and to this very day believe he would have married me, if he had not been ſo very modeſt: but when a living fell worth his and my acceptance, I had the mortification of ſeeing it given to a couſin of my lady's, when I had lived ten years in expectation of that and a young huſband; but was told, I muſt not take it ill, for it was but reaſonable, that relations ſhould be provided for before a ſervant. I muſt own it raiſed my indignation to be treated in this manner; 'What, ſays I, muſt I ſpend my 'youth and whole life for nothing but old age and old 'cloaths'? For all the cloaths my lady left off I wore, and the money that I got was ſpent in tea, to treat my lady's friends and followers: and becauſe I muſt in every reſpect appear like a gentlewoman, I payed all my doctors and apothecaries bills, which were very conſiderable; for I was often ſick of love, or the green ſickneſs, but was always aſſured a good husband would cure me. I was then of age not to bear ſuch diſappointments with patience, but was told 'twas wicked to ſuſpect providence; that while my lord and lady lived, they would not ſee me want: which happened very true to my ſorrow; for in nine or ten yeas more, my lord and lady died, and left me, with other old ſuperannuated ſervants, to the next heir. He is a young prodigal, extravagant fool; treats me me with the utmoſt ſcorn, and calls a thouſand fumbling old fools. And if I take the liberty of telling him, his father would not have uſed me ſo, he damns me for an old bitch, and ſays, 'Why did not they pro-'vide for me? If I had been good for any thing they 'would, and not have entailed ſuch a plague upon him; 'and tells me, there is an hoſpital erecting for fools and 'dotards, and that he'll ſend me thither, or to lead apes 'in hell, for the D—l wants me more than he does'. I believe by this time you'll think me an object of charity, and that I have not only reaſon to wiſh for, but want a husband: a beaver ſhall be at your ſervice, if by your ſcheme I get one. So, dear Mr. DEMOCRITUS, bring this ſcheme to bear, that I may not die a maid; and you'll oblige nine hundred and ninety nine old maids, but more particularly

your moſt devoted humble ſervant,

conſtant reader, and great admirer,

MEAGER LONG-CHIN.

P. S. I had like to have forgot to tell you, I writ this without ſpectacles, and that my half crown will be ready.

SIR,

THERE is a very great evil in this town, and of dangerous conſequence to our ſex, that has never been ſuppreſſed, to the great prejudice and ruin of many hundreds of young people every year; which I beg ſome of your learned heads to conſider of, and conſult of proper ways and means to prevent for the future: I mean the ruinous marriages that are practiſed in the liberty of the *Fleet* and thereabouts, by a ſett of drunken ſwearing parſons, with their Myrmidons that wear black coats, and pretend to be clerks and regiſters to the Fleet. Theſe miniſters of wickedneſs ply about Ludgate-hill, pulling and forcing people to ſome pedling ale-houſe or brandy-ſhop to be married, even on a ſunday ſtopping them as they go to church, and almoſt tearing their cloaths off their backs. To confirm the truth of theſe facts, I will give you a caſe or two which lately happened.

Since midſummer laſt, a young lady of birth and fortune was deluded and forced from her friends, and by the aſſiſtance of a wry-necked ſwearing parſon, married to an atheiſtical wretch, whoſe life is a continual practice of all manner of vice and debauchery. —— And ſince the ruin of my relation, another lady of my acquaintance had like to have been trapanned in the following manner. This lady had appointed to meet a gentlewoman at the Old Play-houſe in Drury-lane; but extraordinary buſineſs prevented her coming. Being alone, when the play was done, ſhe bade a boy call a coach for the city. One dreſt like a gentleman helps her into it, and jumps in after her. 'Madam, ſays he, this coach was called for me: and 'ſince the weather is ſo bad and there is no other, I beg 'leave to bear you company; I am going into the city, 'and will ſet you down wherever you pleaſe'. The lady begged to be excuſed: but he bade the coach-man drive on. Being come to Ludgate-hill, he told her his ſiſter who waited his coming, but five doors up the court, would go with her in two minutes. He went, and returned with his pretended ſiſter, who asked her to ſtep in one minute, and ſhe would wait upon her in the coach. Deluded with the aſſurance of having his ſiſter's company, the poor lady fooliſhly followed her into the houſe; when inſtantly the ſiſter vaniſh'd; and a tawny fellow in a black coat, and black wig appeared. 'Madam, you 'are come in good time, the doctor was juſt a going'. 'The doctor, 'ſays ſhe, horridly frighted, fearing it was a madhouſe, 'What has the doctor to do with me? 'To marry you to that gentleman: the doctor has waited 'for you theſe three hours, and will be payed by you or 'that gentleman before you go'. 'That gentleman, ſays 'ſhe, recovering herſelf, is worthy a better fortune than 'mine', and begged hard to be gone. But doctor WRY-NECK ſwore ſhe ſhou'd be married; or if ſhe wou'd not, he would ſtill have his fee, and regiſter the marriage from that night. The lady, finding ſhe could not eſcape without money or a pledge, told them ſhe liked the gentleman ſo well, ſhe would certainly meet him to morrow night, and gave them a ring as a pledge; which, ſays ſhe, 'was 'my mother's gift on her death-bed, injoining, that if

'ever I married, it ſhould be my wedding ring'. By which cunning contrivance, ſhe was delivered from the black doctor, and his tawny crew. Some time after this, I went with this lady and her brother in a coach to Ludgate-hill, in the day-time, to ſee the manner of their picking up people to be married. As ſoon as our coach ſtopt near Fleet-bridge, up comes one of the Myrmidons. 'Madam, ſays he, you want a parſon'.—'Who are you, 'ſays I?—I am the clerk and regiſter of the Fleet.—Show 'me the chapel'. At which comes a ſecond, deſiring me to go along with him. Says he, 'That fellow will carry you to a pedling ale-houſe'. Says a third, 'Go 'with me, he will carry you to a brandy-ſhop'. In the interim, comes the doctor: 'Madam, ſays he, I'll do 'your jobb for you preſently'. 'Well, gentlemen, ſays 'I, ſince you can't agree, and I can't be married quietly, 'I'll put it off 'till another time': ſo drove away.—Learned Sirs, I wrote this in regard to the honour and ſafety of my own ſex; and if, for our ſakes, you will be ſo good as to publiſh it, correcting the errors of a woman's pen, you will oblige our whole ſex, and none more than, Sir,

your conſtant reader and admirer,

Jan. 15th, 1734-5. VIRTUOUS.

The XXII ODE of ANACREON.

Dear BATHYLLUS, here recline,
In the ſhade: this tree is fine.
See, on branches ſoft and fair,
How it ſhakes its verdant hair.
See, where flowing, to delights
This perſuaſive ſpring invites.
Who can view with glancing eye
Such a ſcene, and yet paſs by? D. D.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Poſt-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Poſt.*
DJ. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiſer.*
SJ. *St. James's Evening Poſt.*
WE. *White-hall Evening Poſt.*
LE. *London Evening Poſt.*

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 20. Yeſterday Ric. Pottenger, Eſq; was appointed one of his majeſty's juſtices of the grand ſeſſions for the counties of Montgomery, Flint, Denbigh, and Cheſter. *P.* —— On tueſday a diſpenſation paſs'd the ſeals to enable the rev. Tho. Plumbe, M. A. to hold the rectory of Mobbletag in Cheſter, together with the rectory of Aughtons in Lancaſter. *DJ.* —— Mobbletogg. *DA.* —— Mobblethag. *DP.* —— His grace the archbiſhop of York has been pleaſed to preſent the rev. Mr. Sam. Jackſon, M. A. to the rectory of Carlton in the county of York. *P.*

Laſt night his grace the duke of Beaufort arrived at his houſe in Clifford-ſtreet, from Bodmington in Glouceſterſhire: he has not been in town for near 5 years. *DP.*

The lords George and Will. Manners, the 2 youngeſt ſons of his grace the duke of Rutland, by Bridget, daughter and ſole heir to Rob. Sutton, lord Lexington, who died in 1723, are about to take and uſe the ſirname of Sutton. *DA.*

Yeſterday a gentleman was taken up in Lincolns-inn-fields, for inliſting men for foreign ſervice. The perſon that inform'd againſt him, is one that he inliſted in Ireland, with 17 others, about 3 years ago. *DA.*

Married on ſunday Jacob Hudſon of Chiſwick, Eſq; to miſs Sutton, a near relation of Sir Robert, a fortune of 14,000 l. *P.*

Died on monday at Bath, the lady dowager Torrington. *DP. DJ.* —— Her jointure of 2500 l. per ann. devolves to the preſent earl of Bradford. *DA.* —— A few days ſince at Windſor the hon. Col. Lawſon. *C.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 21. Her majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint the right hon. the counteſs of Tankerville to be miſtreſs of the robes, in the room of the counteſs of Suffolk, who hath reſigned. *C.* —— Laſt week a diſpenſation paſſed the ſeals to enable the rev. Dr. Lamb to hold the vicarage of Heitherwith Kelby, in the county and dioceſe of Lincoln, together with the rectory of Buckingham. *C.* —— The right rev. the lord biſhop of Wincheſter has appointed the rev. Mr. Benj. Hoadley, his ſon, to be chancellor of the dioceſe of Wincheſter. *P.*

Laſt night there was a meeting of the petitioning peers at the duke of Queensberry's. *DA.*

Yeſterday the Houſe of Commons determined the controverted election for Shaftsbury, in favour of Steph. Fox, Eſq; the petitioner againſt John Bennet, Eſq; *DJ.*

They have already began to impreſs ſailors, in order to raiſe 30,000 men. *DP.* —— *I ſuppoſe, it ſhould be* compleat 30,000.

Yeſterday the following gentlemen were approved as governors of S. Bartholomew's hoſpital, viz. Mr. Abraham Lilly, Mr. Jam. Singer, Mr. Walter Bernard, Mr. Giles Vincent, Mr. Will. Dillingham, Mr. Whitchcot Turner, Mr. Rob. Turner, Mr. Rob. Taylor, Mr. Sam. Cranmer, Mr. John Crowley, John Stracey, Eſq; *P.*— It was agreed to take in 100 children at Eaſter. *DP.* —— 150. *DA.*

On tueſday Mr. Lucas, a carpenter at Tottenham, being a ſpectator while ſome people were throwing at cocks, had the misfortune to receive a blow on his temples by the flinging back of the ſtick, which kill'd him on the ſpot. *DA.* —— *It is to be wiſhed, that ſuch fatal accidents might put a ſtop to this* barbarous cuſtom.

Married on monday at Littleton, Dr. Iſham to miſs Wood, eldeſt daughter of Edw. Wood, Eſq; a young lady of 3000 l. fortune. *DA.* —— A beautiful lady of 20,000 l. *DP.* —— Yeſterday at Oxford-chapel Phil. Lloyd, Eſq; to miſs Jane Fitzgerald, an heireſs of 20,000 l. fortune. *C.*

Chriſtened males 185, females 158: in all 343. —— *Buried* males 256, females 245: in all 501. —— Decreaſed in the burials this week 12. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 22. Yeſterday at a board of Admiralty their lordſhips were pleaſed to put 9 ſhips of war into commiſſion. *P.* —— And to appoint Capt. Stapleton to be captain of the Sheerneſs, a ſixth rate of 20 guns and 150 men. *DA.* —— The ſame day at a ſeſſions of Admiralty at the Old Bailey, before Sir Hen. Penrice, &c. Tho. Williams was tried for running away with the Buxton Snow, bound from Briſtol to Angola, and cutting Capt. Beard's throat, &c. and the fact appearing plain, he received Sentence of death. *C.* &c. — Capt. Cough who hath lain in Newgate for upwards of a year and a half, on ſuſpicion of pyracy, was diſcharg'd. *P.* —— Crouch. *DJ.* — Upwards of 2 years *DP. DA.* — A bill was preferr'd againſt Capt. Penkethman, but return'd Ignoramus. *P. DP. DA.* —— Penkithman. *DJ.*

Yeſterday the right rev. Dr. Hare, biſhop of Chicheſter, preach'd an excellent ſermon before the ſociety for propagating the goſpel in foreign parts. *DJ.* —— At Bow-church in Cheapſide. *DP.*

Wedneſday night Geo. Mills, Eſq; coming from his lodgings to Waltham-green, being apprehenſive ſome footpads were getting over the hedge, fir'd his piſtol, and unfortunately ſhot a ſervant belonging to Mr. Brown, who was ſhutting the garden-gate, into the right arm with a ſlug. *C.*

Yeſterday morning about 10, a ſharper came to the toy-ſhop at the corner of Pall-mall court, and gave orders for ſeveral pair of ſhoe and knee-buckles to be ſent to ſome gentleman at St. James's houſe; but when the ſervant came with the ſharper up the back-ſtairs, he took the goods from him, under pretence of carrying them to his maſter to look on, and made off with them down the great ſtairs undiſcover'd. *DA.* — *This* gentleman *has conſtituted himſelf a kind of* page of the backſt-airs.

MONDAY, *Feb.* 24. Yeſterday the right rev. Dr. Benj. Hoadley, lord biſhop of Wincheſter, preached before their majeſties, &c. at the chapel royal at S. James's. —— Laſt ſaturday being the birth-day of her royal highneſs the princeſs Mary, who then entered into her 13th year, their majeſties received the compliments of the nobility, &c. *C.*

The ſame day her grace the dutcheſs of Richmond was ſafely deliver'd of a ſon. *C.* —— Who is ſtiled earl of March. *P. DP. DA.*

The lord Archibald Hamilton is choſen for Queenborough. *DP. DA.* —— And Tho. Bladen, Eſq; for Aſhburton. *DA.*

A man of war is appointed to ſail next week, to bring home the right hon. the earl of Kinnoul, his majeſty's miniſter at the Ottoman Porte. *C.*

On thurſday evening the rev. Mr. Birch was elected fellow of the royal ſociety. We hear that there are an unuſual number of candidates, that the ſociety is determined to preſerve the honour of their inſtitution, and guard againſt the admiſſion of perſons who have not ſome qualifications to recommend him [them]. There have been already negatives put upon two perſons. *DA.* — *We don't ſo much as ſuſpect, that they were* members of our Society.

A few days ago, ſome rogues forc'd themſelves in at a parlor window of the houſe of Ric. Heath, Eſq; at Eaſt Channon in Surry, and thence into his ſtudy, where they found about 120 l. They left a gold ſnuff-box with a coat of arms, ſome remarkable pieces of gold and ſilver, a pocket book with ſeveral notes, and a large quantity of plate. The family knew nothing of it 'till morning. *DA.*

Died on ſaturday the lady Anne Guiſe, relict of Sir John. *P. DP. DA.* — On ſaturday Mr. Francis Townley, a Turkey merchant. *DJ.* —— In his 84th year: worth upwards of 80,000 l. *C.* —— Yeſterday Dr. Norwood, an eminent phyſician. *C.*

Yeſterday morning about 11 a boat was overſet by a ſudden ſquall of wind near Fulham-bridge, and a boy drowned. *P.*

The crew of the Neptune ſloop, which was caſt away near Margate conſiſted of 7 perſons, 2 only are living, 1 died on board, 3 on the beach for want of nouriſhment, and 1 two hours after. The loſs of theſe lives is attributed to the ill nature of the owner of a Margate boat, who refuſed to go on board to their relief, or to lend his boat. *DP.*

TUESDAY, *Feb.* 25. We are credibly inform'd, that the land-tax will be 3 s. in the pound. *DA* — That the produce of the ſinking fund amounts for the laſt year to 1,500,000 l. but whether it will be apply'd towards paying off part of the national debt, or defraying the extraordinary expences of the current year, is not yet known. *DP.* —— *It may be* fore-known *without the* ſpirit of prophecy.

Yeſterday George Baſſet, Eſq; was ſworn in receiver-general of the land-tax for the county of Huntingdon. *P.*

The rider for Mr. Sayer the ſoapmaker in Whitechapel, drowned about Chriſtmas between Leiceſter and Loughborough, was found laſt ſaturday ſe'nnight near Sileby mill; and what is very ſurpriſing, after being in the water near ſix weeks, he was ſtanding about knee deep in ſand, with his hat tied about his head, and four guineas, ſome ſilver, and a watch in his pocket. *DP.*

A girl of about 12 years of age, daughter to Mrs. Ludlow, a midwife at Chelſea, having been bit by a mad dog about 6 weeks ago, was ſent immediately to be dipt in ſalt water; but notwithſtanding that precaution, on ſaturday ſhe was ſeized with a ſhivering fit, and a difficulty to ſwallow, and on ſunday expired, foaming and barking like a dog. *DA.*

Colcheſter, Feb. 22. One Iſaac Atkins a weaver, having a relation a maid ſervant to an apothecary, deſired her to procure him a doſe of phyſick: ſhe asked a manſervant in the family for it, telling him ſhe intended to take a purge; who gave her a quantity of phyſick to be taken at ſeveral times, which ſhe conveyed to Atkins, who took a doſe thereof on ſunday morning, but that not working, he took the remainder; a few hours after which, he began to ſwell to a prodigious degree, and expired on monday. *C. DJ.*

Died on ſaturday at Briſtol by a fall from his horſe, Mr. Humphrey Smith, an eminent quaker and haberdaſher of ſmall ware, reputed worth upwards of 20,000 l. *C. DP. DJ. DA.* —— Laſt ſunday in Hollis-ſtreet Ingram Townſhend, Eſq; *C.*

WEDNESDAY, *Feb.* 26. His majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Phil. Jourdain, Eſq; to be one of the gentlemen of the privy chamber. *C. DJ.* —— Charles Shelley Eſq; is appointed auditor for Lincoln, Nottingham, Derby and Cheſter. *C.*

Yeſterday the hon. Houſe of Commons determined the controverted election for the borough of Warwick, between Tho. and Hen. Archer Eſqrs; petitioners, and Sir Will. Key and Will. Bromley Eſq; the ſitting members, and voted the latter duly elected. *DJ.* —— Tho. and Hen. Archer were declared duly elected. *DA.* —— Sir Will. Keyte: *the* DA. *is right.*

The decree in the cauſe between the lady viſcounteſs Donnerail and the lord viſcount Donnerail is revers'd. *DA.*

The lord Viſc. Weymouth is choſen grand maſter of the antient and hon. ſociety of Free maſons for the year enſuing, and Sir Cecil Wray and Sir Edw. Manſell, Barts. grand wardens. *DA.*

Yeſterday came on to be try'd before the right hon. the lord Hardwick, at Guildhall, a cauſe wherein John Macnamara was plaintiff, and Simeon Hayward defendant, for the defendant's publiſhing a ſcandalous advertiſement of the plaintiff, when the plaintiff was nonſuited for a miſtake in the record in the plaintiff's name. *DJ.*

This day the ſeſſions begins at the Old Baily. *P.*

Married laſt ſunday Will. Morris Eſq; of High-Wicham, to miſs Neale of Colebrook, a young lady with a plentiful fortune. *C. DJ.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-ſtreet.*

AS we have given the public reaſon to expect ſome account, from time to time, in our *Journal*, of the good or bad ſucceſs attending Mr. WARD's *pill* and *drop*; we think it proper to inform them, why that account has been now intermitted for three weeks together.—To ſhew, that we had no private enmity or malice againſt him, we readily publiſhed ſeveral pieces in his favour; and particularly in our 262d *Journal*, his long ANSWER *to the* XII CASES *in our* 257th: in which *Anſwer*, he not only declared, That he 'joined iſſue with Dr. TURNER 'in deſiring the publick to ſend him an account of ALL 'they know relating to the operation of his remedies; 'a true and candid relation of the GOOD and BAD effects 'of them, being what he had long wiſhed for;' but likewiſe expreſsly promiſed, 'That for the future he ſhould 'have no regard to the malicious invectives that might 'be thrown out againſt him, either in print or otherwiſe, 'having a much better employment for his time, in endeavouring to ſerve and relieve thoſe whoſe miſerable 'circumſtances led them to ſeek his aſſiſtance.' Not-

withſtanding theſe two expreſs *Declarations*, under his own hand, our publiſher was ſerved on *ſaturday Feb.* 8, with a copy of a *Rule* of the court of King's Bench, at the ſuit of JOSHUA WARD, Eſq; to ſhew cauſe the next monday, why an *Information* ſhould not be filed againſt him for publiſhing a ſcandalous libel againſt the ſaid J. W. in the *Grub ſtreet Journal* of *Nov.* 28. [N° 257.] And on *monday Feb.* 10. he was ſerved with another *Rule* of court, at the ſuit of W. WALKER, [one of the evidences to the *Affidavits* in *Mr.* WARD's *Anſwer to the* XII *Caſes*] on account of our 264th *Journal*, of *Jan.* 16. wherein a true relation was given of the manner of procuring and taking ſome of thoſe *Affidavits*.—We ſhall, at preſent, make no reflections upon theſe proceedings; but ſhall leave the world to judge, how conſiſtent they are with the *Declarations* above-mentioned.

EPIGRAM

On a late celebration of Jan. 30.

Through every age, in various ſhapes,
The works of God the Devil apes.
Our Saviour ſhew'd his love divine,
Exhibiting his blood in wine:
To pious CHARLES, and regal ſtate,
Theſe ſons of Hell, to ſhew their hate,
The Martyr's blood now repreſent
By wine—*the* DEVIL's *ſacrament.*

We have received *Letters* from ORTHODOXUS, VALENTINE, PHILARETES, A. Z. T. MANLEY, THO. OINTMENT, and TOM TARR.

FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Feb.* 20. —— *Vienna, Feb.* 12. The Turks have cauſed ſome cavalry to patroul upon the frontiers of Servia; and one of their parties has entered upon the emperor's territory, and committed ſome diſorders. *P.*

FRIDAY, *Feb.* 21. Our correſpondent at Conſtantinople adviſes, that it is all grimace between the Turk and the Perſian, to amuſe the powers of Chriſtendom, there being but very few men of ſenſe at the Porte but what think the peace between them is already agreed upon. *DP.*

Paris, Feb. 26. A parcel of rogues enter'd an honeſt man's, I mean an attorney's, houſe, on ſunday in the afternoon, and cutting his cook's throat, took a watch and 3000 livres, but touch'd none of his plate, as if that had not been as honeſtly come by as his money. It is not known whether the authors of this villany might not have been attornies too. *DJ.*

SATURDAY, *Feb.* 22. —— *Hague, Feb.* 25. We are at preſent the *ſpoiled children* of the court of Verſailles, which freely grants us every thing we ask; and therefore it would be ſtraining our ingratitude to the higheſt pitch, to be employed in the ſervice of her enemies; and we muſt naturally ſee through a French teleſcope, what others view only with an Auſtrian microſcope. *P.—I wiſh my brother had given us* ſpoiled children *in the original.*

MONDAY, *Feb.* 24. —— *Warſaw, Feb.* 12. This morning the queen was brought to bed of a princeſs. *C.* &c.

Hague, Mar. 1. M de Catwyck's affair was decided laſt ſaturday in his favour by the ſtates of the province of Holland, the deputies of 12 towns which had declared for him, againſt 7, perſiſting in their reſolution. *C. P. DJ. DA.* —— Yeſterday the plan [project of pacification. *DA.*] was communicated in form to the miniſters of the powers engaged in the war, by 7 deputies, who went in their coaches of ſtate to the marq. de Fenelon's. *P.*

Our letters from Hanover of the 22d ſay, that his Britannic majeſty is in treaty with the king of Sweden to take a body of Heſſians into his pay. *DP.*

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